

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/780,318	ELLIS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Stacy B. Chen	1648	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/18/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9 and 12-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/12/04</u> <u>SBC</u> <u>11/30/06</u></li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 7, after "filed October 6, 2000," insert "--now abandoned--."

Authorization for the following examiner's amendment of the claims was given in a telephone interview with Anne-Marie Yvon on November 29, 2006.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claim 9 with the following:

--9. (Currently amended) A method for reducing viral load of porcine circovirus-2 (PCV-2) in a pig comprising inducing an immunological or immunogenic response against PCV-2 in the pig comprising administering to the pig a composition comprising a pharmaceutically or veterinarily or medically acceptable carrier and an active agent comprising a vector containing an exogenous nucleotide sequence, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes and expresses PCV-2 ORF4, PCV-2 ORF13 or PCV-2 ORF4 and ORF13.--

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Replace claim 12 with the following:

--12. (Currently amended) A method for reducing viral load of porcine circovirus-2 (PCV-2) in a pig comprising inducing an immunological or immunogenic response against PCV-2 in the pig comprising administering to the pig a composition comprising a pharmaceutically or veterinarily or medically acceptable carrier and an active agent comprising a vector containing an exogenous nucleotide sequence, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes and expresses PCV-2 ORF13.--

***Examiner's Comment***

The specification was amended to reflect the current status of USSN 09/680,228. Claims 9 and 12 were amended to clarify that the nucleotide sequence contained in the vector expresses the various open reading frames. Claims 13-16, 20 and 21 are rejoined with the elected invention in view of Applicant's persuasive arguments. Therefore, the restriction requirement is withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

Claims 9 and 12-25 are allowable.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stacy B. Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-0896. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-4:30). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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